



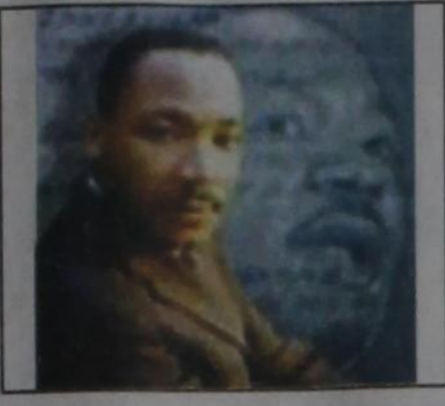
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- * Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- * Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue
- * Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- * Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.
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- * East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
- * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.
- * Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- * West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- * The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets at Mae Simmons Community Senior Citizens Center every Monday at 6:00 p. m.
- * West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
- CITIS (Creating Inspirational Thoughts in Singles) meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 2404 23rd near Avenue X at 7:00 pm

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Third Annual Christmas Carnival At Mae Simmons Community Center



The Third Annual Christmas Carnival was held Saturday, December 3, 2011, at the Mae Simmons Community Center where many young people of the community were in attendance. Pictured above are some of the young people in attendance. They are, front, left to right: Toriona Lawson and Trevon Lawson. Back, left to right: Andre Wheeler, Alenice White, and Yancey Lawson. These young people are wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! They want you to realize why are celebrating. They will also tell you they really appreciate the many programs sponsored for them by the Mae Community Center.

Attention Lubbock Youth!

The Martin Luther King Commemorative Council is preparing for the 2012 MLK Celebration. Youth participation is needed! There is a need for singers, praise dancers, mimes, and actors. Mime Rehearsals: Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street, Monday nights 6:00 p. m., Amanda Banks, Director. Praise Dance: St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street, Tuesday night 6:00 p. m. Vera Coleman, Director. Choir Rehearsals: Community Baptist Church, 220 MLK Blvd., Friday nights, 7:00 p. m. Nicole Snell, Director. One Act Play Try-Outs: Full Armor Ministries, 42nd Street & I-27. Saturday, 12:00 noon.

For more information, please free to contact: Tracey Snell-Jackson, (806) 777-6017 or Yolanda Jeffrey, (806) 773-1625. The Martin Luther King Commemorative Council will celebrate the legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King from January 13 through 16, 2012. The events are as follows: Friday - January 13, 2012 - Youth Night - 6:30 p. m. - Dunbar Academy School - 2010 East 26th Street. Saturday - January 14, 2012 - Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet - 6:30 p. m. - McInturff Conference Center - 602 Indiana Avenue. Sunday - January 15, 2012 - Citywide Services - 5:00 p. m.

- New Hope Baptist Church. Monday - January 16, 2012 - Gospel Night - 6:30 p. m. - Lyons Chapel Baptist Church - 1704 East 24th Street. Deadline for purchase of tickets to the Individual of Distinction Awards Banquet will be December 27, 2011. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. For more information, contact either one of the following persons: L. V. Andrews, 765-5001; Tracey Snell-Jackson, 777-6017 or Yolanda Jeffrey, 773-1625.

"We are looking forward for as many of the citizens of Lubbock and surrounding areas to be in attendance," says Mr. Andrews, President. "We want our young people to know more about the history of the legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," concluded Mr. Andrews.

Rev. Moore, Jr. Resigned As Unit Director Of Theodore Phea Boys & Girls Club



Rev. & Mrs. Leon C. Moore, Jr.

Rev. Leon C. Moore, Jr., Pastor of the Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church, has resigned as the Unit Director of the Phea Branch Boys and Girls Club effective as of November 11, 2011. He wishes to thank all those who supported him in that position. Rev. Moore says, "The Club has the potential to become the greatest club on this side of the South Plains. However, what's needed most is parent involvement."

Rev. Moore has decided to focus on his new position appointed by Bishop Henry Williamson in Annual Conference of the C.M.E. Church as Presiding Elder. In this new position, Rev. Moore will oversee eight churches in the Abilene, Wichita Falls, Amarillo District. as OCOS (One Church One School) coordinator for West, Texas Best wishes and Happy Holidays.

Post 808 Sponsors Annual Christmas Party

The American Legion, Post 808, once again will sponsor its Annual Christmas Party for the girls and boys of the Lubbock community on Sunday evening, December 18, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

The American Legion, Post 808, is located in Yellowhouse Canyon. Parents and guardians are asked to bring their children to this festive event.

COGIC Brightens Holiday Season With \$40 Million Deposit

Memphis, TN -- The Church of God in Christ (COGIC) for the second straight year has a very successful Holy Convocation in St. Louis. The 104th Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ has ended and all of the delegates or "saints" have returned to their respective homes. The largest convention
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Eddie P. Richardson, Co-Publisher, Death One Year - December 19th



Eddie P. Richardson

In four days, it will be one year since one of the co-founders of the Southwest Digest, Eddie Price Richardson, passed away at his residence on Sunday evening, December 19, 2010.

Richardson was a dynamic community leader who always talked about change for all of Lubbock's citizens, regardless of race, creed, or color.

"He was a hard working person in regard to change," said T. J. Patterson, Sr., a partner with Richardson for forty years. "When we started the Lubbock Digest and later the Southwest Digest, we didn't know how far it would go, but we knew the Black Community needed a voice," he continued.

History will show Richardson played a very important role in developing other important efforts in the Black Community. Among them include the Lubbock Black Chamber, Lubbock

Opportunities Industrialization Center (LOIC) along with the late Rev. A. J. Davis; Lubbock Juneteenth Committee and worked with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration.

Recently, the Eddie Richardson Head Start Center was named in his honor. Richardson believed young children needed a means of learning how to read and write. This center is located at 40th Street and Avenue L. All are invited to visit this outstanding institution of learning.

So as the date of Mr. Richardson's demise is upon us, the Southwest Digest wanted to remind you of what he did accomplish while a citizen of Lubbock, Texas.

"Yes, Eddie Price Richardson was concerned about the posture of all citizens of the Black Community, and worked very hard to make a positive contribution," said Patterson.

Groundbreaking For LIFE Run Center Here



Rose Wilson, Board Member for LIFE Run Center for Independent Living; and Wanda C. Merritt, Acting Field Office Director for the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, are shown participating in the "Groundbreaking" of the construction of the new LIFE/RUN Center, 8240 Boston Avenue. This event was held November 8, 2011. It is to be completed in 8 months, according to Michelle Crain, Executive Director of LIFE /Run.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Last Saturday evening, December 10, 2011, young people of the Martin Luther King Seventh Day Adventist Church surprised one of their members, Sister Bobbie Patterson, in her residence, 2405 Globe Avenue. Sister Patterson recently was released from being a patient at Covenant Medical Center for three weeks. These young people sang Christmas Carols to her.

The young people were David Harrington, Sarah Harrington, Delevette Stoute,

Ibukun Adepoju, Candice Rendon, Del-Gracia Stewart, Anecia Gentles, Ashley Gentles, Tade Adepoju and Anieph Gentles.

Sister Patterson received cookies with the visit. She was a very happy lady.

They also visited other church members as well.

Monday/Tuesday, December 19/20 – Thanks to a partnership between PlainsCapital Bank, Parkhill, Smith and Cooper (PSC) and Lubbock ISD, every student at Bozeman Elementary,

3101 East 2nd Street, will receive a Christmas present courtesy of the employees of PlainsCapital and PSC. The gifts will be delivered to the students on the morning of the 20th at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Monday/Tuesday, December 19/20 – The last two days of the fall semester in Lubbock ISD. Both days will be exam and early dismissal days. Elementary campuses will dismiss at 12 noon and secondary campuses at 12:40 p.m.

Classes in Lubbock ISD resume on Thursday, January 5, 2012.

Let us continue to pray for and visit those citizens of our community who are on the sick and shut-in list. Remember God is able in all that we are involved in, no matter the situation.

The Southwest Digest will make an excellent Christmas gift for someone in your family or friend. The cost is only \$60.00 a year. Call Avis at (806) 762-3612. Thanks in advance for your participation!

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson

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New Light Baptist Church

On Sunday morning, December 11, 2011, services got started at New Light Baptist Church where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School got started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson entitled: B"Believing The Impossible", Genesis 15: 1-6 & 12-18. Sister Gloria Lee taught the lesson for the youth.

Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir sang "O, I Want To See Him". The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee and it came from Psalm 121: 1-8. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the congregation singing "I Need Thee."

Sis. Lacey Thompson read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. All birthdays were acknowledgement also. There was the pastoral period that was held by the

pastor and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "Away In The Manager" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem.. The theme song of the church "Amazing Grace" was sung by all. Rev.

Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Do You Want To Blessed?" and its scripture text come from Psalm 51:12. Sis. Angela Mosley sang "Falling In Love With Jesus" after the sermon. What a time in the Lord!

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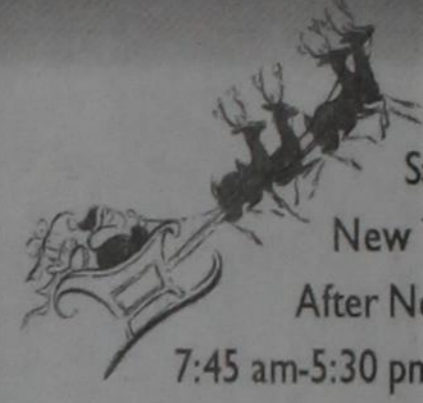
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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Is Racism Still Alive in America in 2011?

Many of us troopers for civil rights of all Americans are having trouble believing that racism is not still alive in America. We believe that the present divide in Washington and the hatred for President Obama because he has a black father could spark a revolution that the world has never seen. One can imagine the northern American continent being broken up and the waters of the Pacific and Atlantic becoming kissing cousin because of the hatred that now exists especially toward Blacks in America (China and the Soviet Union has the nuclear capacity with the help of Iran).

Cesar Chelala wrote the following Friday on Friday, April 2, 2010: "Is Racism Still Alive in America?"

For people throughout the world, election of Barack Obama to the U. S. presidency seemed to signal in a new era, that of the end of racism. Indeed, Obama's election was a momentous occasion and, one would have hoped a millstone on the road to reconciliation. However, some recent, very ominous events cast a worrisome veil over the democratic process in America.

There are many reasons that

can explain Obama's election as President: his penetrating intelligence, a wonderfully orchestrated campaign, and a life devoted to public service in which each action was like a brilliant chess move by a master of the game. But there were other factors of equal significance.

Before Obama's election, not only was the country involved in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, in what increasingly looks like a quagmire, particularly in the latter country. The economy was in a desperate state, and unemployment and health costs were rising. There was a feeling of widespread malaise in the country believed by many to be the result of an incompetent president manipulated by darker forces, an opinion widely shared throughout the world.

After the initial high of Obama's election, there is now a changed atmosphere in the country. Violence is an inescapable companion to racism. And violence, or outbursts racially motivated, are certainly on the increase in the U.S. Threats against President Obama have increased by 400% since President George W. Bush

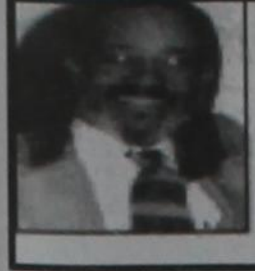
left office, the highest numbers on record.

What makes this situation particularly worrisome is that they come not only from fringe elements in society. Thinly disguised, the also originate from certain political leaders who seem intent on creating an atmosphere of violence and disrespect around the President and the presidency.

How else can one interpret this statement by House Minority Leader John Boehner? "There is a political rebellion going on in America, and what we saw last night was just a glimpse of it," he stated after November's election. One doesn't need to be a psychologist or a linguist to understand that such statements stokes the fires of rebellion, and are all the more dangerous when coming from a leader holding one of the most powerful offices in Washington.

As if this weren't enough, Boehner added, "Clearly it's been a difficult year. For us it's been like standing in front of a machine gun—liberal ideals every single week, one after another. I think it really has the American people concerned

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We Thank God for Jesus

"Jesus Is Not The Reason!!!"

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

John 8:31b - 32 -- Jesus said, if you continue in my word, then you are my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Christians, **SKIP THIS MAN MADE X-MAS**; it is a waste of **GOD'S TIME**. Without it, there will be **JOY, PEACE, HAPPINESS AND A SOUND MIND!!!**

James 1:27 -- Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

******* THIS TIME OF YEAR: IS MORE KILLINGS, RAPES, MURDERS, STEALING, WORKS OF THE DEVIL *******

Christians, shopping and spending. Is that the **REASON FOR YOUR X-MAS SEASON???** Will you try and **OUT GIVE GOD'S GIFT?** Then what is **YOUR REASON???**

******* DON'T FEED THE HOMELESS FOR ONE DAY; FEED THEM YEAR ROUND!!! *******

Christians, have noticed: **THE DEVIL CHANGED FROM MERRY CHRIST-**

MAS TO HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON, AND SPENDING MONEY IS THE REASON!!!

Christians, you're **TEACHING AND TRAINING** your **CHILDREN TO LIE**. Telling them **SANTA GIVES GIFTS; and REINDEER FLIES!!!**

Proverb 6:17 -- (OD HATES) A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. Christians, there is no **SALVATION IN JESUS' BIRTHDAY!** Salvation is in **THE DEATH, BURIAL AN RESURRECTION: IS WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS!!!**

I Corinthians 15:12-14 -- Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

Christians, **JESUS** can be **BORN, OVER, AND OVER AGAIN -- ZILLIONS TIME**. When he is **BORN** into the **HEARTS OF EVERY MANKIND!!!**

Titus 1:1-2 -- **PAUL**, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which

is after godliness. In the hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.

Christians, **SKIP** that excess **SPENDING -- IT WON'T PROVE YOUR LOVE. GOD PROVIDED LOVE; HIS GIFT, JESUS, HE WAS SENT FROM ABOVE!!!**

John 3:16 -- Jesus said, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

******* THE WORLD DOESN'T WANT GOD'S GIFT!!!! *******

Christians, you're to show your **LOVE** all the year **ROUND! GOD'S CHILDREN** at 13th and **AVENUE A -- and AVENUE A -- ARE SLEEPING ON THE GROUND!!!**

Matthew 25:38; 44-45 -- Jesus said, when saw we you a stranger, and took you in? Or naked, and clothed you. They shall answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, or thirst, or in prison, and did minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them saying, Verily, I

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again it was another inspirational day of service on Sunday morning, December 11, 2011, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School started at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge. It was a wonderful morning of learning about God's word.

The teacher of the morning lesson was Sister Susie Davis. What a wonderful lesson it was.

It was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Believing The Impossible." The Unifying Topic was "A Promise To Abraham." The scripture text was Genesis 15:1-6; 12-18.

The main thought was: *"And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness."* **Genesis 15:6.**

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted at 11:10 a. m.

with Deacon Edward Williams and Sister Ethel Williams in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "I Am That I Am." His scripture text was Exodus 3:13-14.

The weekly meetings held at St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

The Mission meets at 5:00 p. m. on Wednesday evenings.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Saturday afternoons, beginning at 1:00 p. m.

The Ushers meet on Saturday mornings at 11:00 a. m.

The morning announcements were read last Sunday morning by Sister Barbara Johnson. She did a splendid job!

Remember our sick and shut-in members as well as others in the Lubbock community. Among them include: Brother Dennis Saunders, a resident at Heritage Oak Nursing Home; Brother Ronald Hereford, a patient at Covenant Medical Center; and Brother Tyree Morris, who is hospitalized in Dallas, Texas.

Let us pray for Sister Barbara Johnson's family who lost their

first cousin, Mr. Billy Shelby on December 10, 2011. Remember God is able!

Thought For The Week: *"What is done for Christ in this life will be rewarded in the life to come!"*

From the Pastor and Members of St. Matthew Baptist Church, **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

Remember Jesus the Reason for the Season!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to take this time and opportunity to wish each of our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! You know God has been so good to all of us.

It is a **MUST** that we keep **CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** be-

cause He is the **REASON FOR THE SEASON!**

"Let's Pray"

Lord, forgive us of our sins. Heal our land. Help America recover her loss and restore our Nation unto You. We join to get her in prayer for those who govern and serve in our great land. We pray for President Barack Obama, his cabinet, Congress and their family members. Give them divine protection and favor

with all nations and the courage of a champion to prevail by overcoming evil with good all over America.

Father, we pray for our great State of Texas. Father, we pray for Texas, the Governor, the Government Agencies, the staff, news media, fire fighters, policemen, recuse workers, and all of their families. Give them the mind of Christ and wisdom to govern in the days of uncertainty, divine courage, and protection.

"Victims & Families"

Father, as a Nation, we pray

for the families who were victims of the terrorist attack on America and for those who risked their lives to save others. Comfort them as they recover. Anoint them with joy and praise to lift their heavy burdens. Restore their souls and meet their needs.

"We Pray For The Military & U. S. Allies"

Strengthen our military and all our allies who join forces to protect our country and other countries from attack. We ask for you to deploy your Heavenly Host to camp about them as

a shield of protection. Cause this world to triumph over evil and glorify your name.

Father, give us the mercy and grace to forgive us. Vengeance belong to you alone. Lord, Unite us in prayer to stand. Touch the hearts of every evil in-

dividual and pour out your Holy Spirit in the world and let her yield a mighty harvest for your glory! **AMEN**

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

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Obsequies

Evelyn Mims

Funeral services for Evelyn Mims were held Monday morning, December 5, 2011 at St. James Baptist Church with Rev. John Barnes, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Larry Price, JaKail Price, DSean Price, Rashad Douglas, Marquis Douglas, and Tony Mims, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Tony Mims, Billy Porter, Ozell Porter, Kenneth Douglas, and Kendrick McBride.

Mims, 81, of Lubbock, passed away Sunday, November 26, 2011 at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born April 1, 1930 to Ocie and Lillie Brook Porter in Dawson, Texas.

She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Lillie Douglas; one son, Tony Mims; two



sisters, Gladys Porter, and Sammie Toney (James); two brothers, Ozell Porter and Billie Porter; four grandchildren, Kenneth Douglas (Kim), Tamara Price (Larry), Kendrick McBride (Mary), and Tony C. Mims, Jr.; five great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Soul Singer Howard Tate Dies at 72

Trenton, NJ -- Soul singer Howard Tate has died in his New Jersey apartment a decade after a career resurrection that followed years of tragedy and obscurity.

A spokesman for the Burlington County medical examiner says Tate was 72 when he died Friday in Burlington City.

Tate was born in Macon, Ga., and grew up in Philadelphia.

In the late 1960s and early '70s he had three top 20 R&B hits, including "Get It While You Can," written by his longtime producer Jerry Ragovoy and made more famous by Janis Joplin.

But Tate fell into drug addic-



tion and ended up homeless. Ragovoy believed he had died.

Tate made a comeback a decade ago - again with Ragovoy producing. His 2003 release "Rediscovered" was nominated for a Grammy for best contemporary blues album.

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Former Lubbock Resident: Willie Lester Ball Succumbs In Mesquite



Mesquite, Texas -- (Special) -- Final rites were held for Willie Lester Ball, a former resident of Lubbock, Saturday morning, November 12, 2011, at the Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church with Pastor Terry M. Turner officiating.

Interment was held in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery under the direction of Sandra Clark Funeral Home of Dallas.

Pallbearers were Mitchell Bell, David Kemp, Gabriel Nickerson, Anthony John Charles, Deartis Nickerson, Jr., Willie Sneed, Jr. and Michael Parnell.

Honorary pallbearers were Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church Ministers and Deacons.

He was born December 24, 1933 to Dora Hawkins Tolen and Ellis Ball. He attended Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Texas. He married Vessie Nickerson on November 22, 1951, and to this union two daughters were born.

Willie served in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1975, where he received an honorable discharge. He completed tours of duty in England and South Vietnam.

Willie and Vessie made their home in Lubbock for over fifty years. They moved to Mesquite in 2007. He was a wonderful storyteller, he loved to laugh, garden, and watch westerns. He also enjoyed working crossword puzzles every morning at the breakfast table; he was an avid fisherman and found solace at various lakes, fishing holes, and tanks. Most of all, he loved his family, and never left his wife's side without giving her a kiss on the cheek. He gave his time and love to his children and grandchildren. Willie always made a grand entrance and was affectionately called "Superstar" by his family.

He accepted the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into his life on Father's Day 2011, and on

July 3, 2011, he was baptized at Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church.

Willie was preceded in death by both parents and a brother, Bobby Reagan.

He leaves to cherish his mem-

ory: his devoted wife of over 59 years Vessie Ball; two daughters, Wynette Howard; husband Larry Howard and son, Jamaal Howard of Henderson, Texas and Cynthia Ball Phillips, husband Dwight Phillips and chil-

dren: Savannah Phillips and Jairus Phillips of Mesquite, Texas; a brother, Dickey Williams of New York, New York; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

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Somehow, some people and some businesses have the concept that the Christmas holidays are all about money. Presents cost money and people spend money to get them. Someone has said that the only difference between men and boys is the price of the toys. To the businesses, the day after Thanksgiving is designated "Black Friday" because the money that we spend on that day will bring businesses out of 'the red' on their sales records and into solvent black numbers.

Any way you cut it, businesses prosper during their holiday sales and that is the only way some of them can remain in business. Many proprietors only sell merchandise during the holidays. They are aware that people buy things once they have the 'Christmas spirit.' They will buy things that are not on their Christmas list because they see it and 'the devil made them do it.'

It is one thing to stay up late at night to rush into a store and be the first in line to get the hot commodities which are advertised for purchase on 'Black Friday,' and yet another to either inflict pain on others in the process or become a victim of pain. Last year, at least one person was killed and many others hurt in the process of rushing into a store once the doors were opened to the public for hot sales. This year a pepper sprayer made the flash news and eventually surrendered to the police once the coveted merchandise had been secured and purchased; an electronic game.

Is this what the Christmas spirit and Christmas holidays has come to? Have we completely forgotten the reason for the season? Christians around the world celebrate Christmas and there is no doubt that in many instances purchases for presents to exchange plays a great part in the event. Yet many



families enjoy a sober holiday with a family dinner, church attendance, sharing the joy with friends singing Christmas carols and just being jolly and happy; being thankful for the birth of the Christ child.

I can remember that kind of Christmas. I used to think that Christmas was really all about being a child. Only the children in our home got presents or gave presents at Christmas. Everyone in our home or visiting with us had an unending choice of fruit, nuts and candy the week before Christmas and into the New Year. Cake and pie accompanied the Christmas family dinner which took place after attending church. In the evening, our family attended the Christmas play at church in which the children participated. We had practiced for weeks before Thanksgiving, learning our speaking parts and words to the songs which we sang. Parents enjoyed the presentations which were shared by friends in the community. People were not afraid to go out at night to church as many are now. Caroling went on until the New Year. Groups of people actually got out into the weather and caroled throughout the neighborhood in the evenings during the holidays. Anyone could join in and sing. There were no 'Black Fridays,' 'Blue Mondays' or 'Hot Saturdays.' Christmas was about celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Christ child and we need to get 'in cinque' and find our way back to the 'good ole days'

Merry Christmas!!

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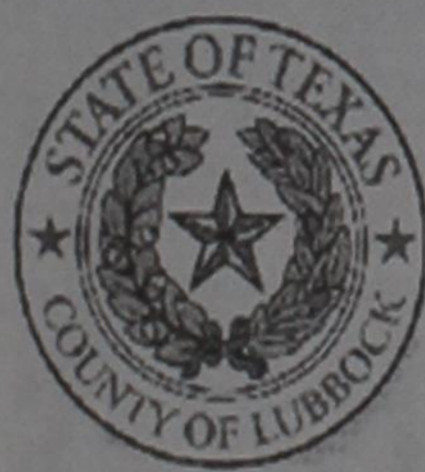
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WHERE WERE THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY? **THIS N THAT** wants our readers as well as those who do not subscribe to know that the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** is in business to fulfill a necessary

job.... Our job this week is to advise that the **SEVEN-ELEVEN FOOD STORE** located at 2526 Parkway Drive was given permission to sell **BEER & WINE** by a 4-3 vote on the Lubbock City Council last city council meeting.....What is so disturbing is that there was not a **PUBLIC HEARING OR A TOWN HALL MEETING** to discuss the merits of this proposed action..... Just think

the ordinance that a school must be at least **300 FEET AWAY FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT** and the **ALDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** is just 190 feet away from the proposed establishment..... If you would look at the athletic field it would be closer..... During the meeting at City Hall the proponents of the effort said there were two other education facilities closer than 300 feet.... They being Texas Tech University..... **THIS N THAT** learned that **LISD** insisted that this be considered in a case by case effort..... Evi-

dently our City Council looked at equity and didn't apparently consider the outcome effecting lives of our boys and girls who will enroll in this new **ALDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** which will house **750 ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** come September, 2013..... As we have asked **WHERE WAS THE CHURCH AND ORGANIZATIONS** including the **CHERRY POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** when this begun? Come on **BLACK FOLK & OTHERS** and get up and stand vertical for our kids!!

Mr. Eddie P. Richardson!

by
Brother Askari

This article is being dedicated to the lasting impact of Master Eddie Richardson. On numerous occasions, I witnessed Eddie talking to people of all walks of life with the wisdom of a Sage!! This man has participated in or spearheaded many events that have required the attributes of a man with discerning qualities. Eddie, the activist, would speak proudly and very firmly to the people we were negotiating with and tell them "We are Bargaining and not Begging for anything!" Eddie the columnist always spoke to the conscious hearts of people on all of the issues he would address; his underlying theme always production, progress, sacrifice and success for our people.



Eddie believed that as a people, if we have Our People "Telling Us Right", Showing Us Right, Doing US Right, Then Life For Us Would Certainly Be Right For Us! Eddie would always tell me that as a people we need to Stop buying all the things that we want and Stop begging for the things that we

need! Eddie always told me that we as a people are Giants and the reason so many of us have not realized this is because we are still rising up out of the deep hole that we were placed in many generations ago! Eddie told me that there are some of us who can only see the side of the deep hole, there are some of us who can see the light at the opening of the deep hole, and there are some of us who have made it to the top and out of the hole and yet we still have much work to do. Eddie once told me that he and T.J. and some of the few Senior Citizens still living are "Still doers" surrounded by a bunch of "Need to be Doers!." Eddie a man that always did and talked about ways to do for US as a people told me that "We are surrounded by enough enemies and far to many for us to join our enemies against ourselves!" May God Have Mercy On His Soul!

Take Care Until Next Time!!

Letter To The Editor "Brother Tony Anthony Davis" Executed September 21, 2011

Dear Editor & Publisher:

I hope it's not too late to rekindle some thoughts in your previous publication in October about deceased brother, Troy A Anthony Davis, who was sentenced to death in 1991 for the murder of police officer Mark Mac Phail. Brother Tony Anthony was killed by "Lethal Injection" by the State of Georgia on September 21, 2011. He was convicted of the death of officer Brother Mark Mac Phail in Savannah, Georgia on August 19, 1989.

Thank God For Jesus
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say unto you, inasmuch as you did not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.

Christians, did YOUR BIBLE SAY CELEBRATE JESUS' BIRTHDAY??? THE DEVIL brought in SANTA'S AND REINDEERS, AND GOD'S WORD IS NOT ON DISPLAY !!!

Romans 1:18-21a - 22-23 -- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth (CHRISTIANS) in unrighteousness. Because that, when they know God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools (CHRISTIANS). And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man (SANTA) and to birds, and four footed beasts (REINDEERS) and creeping things.

Christians, you allow THE DEVIL to bring SANTA AND REINDEERS IN THE CHURCH. IT MAKES THE WORD OF GOD -- none effect -- and THAT HURTS!!!

Mark 7:13 -- Jesus said, making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which you have delivered, and many such like things do you.

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I am convinced that both of them are innocent victims, and that is why I call both of the Brother. I am a very unusual person. I do believe penalty in some cases!!! How is my belief relative to Mr. Davis' case? Well, I needed to hear Mr. Davis' full confessions, and sat on his trail. If he had a fair trial and convicted beyond a shadow of a doubt, he should have been convicted. The execution "must" be humane!! We can't become animals just because they became animals. There must always be a clear distinction between the civilized and the un-civilized. It's not about what we say. It is always about what we do!! Reflect back to the movies that we have watched & heard about vampires. What happens when it bites a victim? Many, many times the victim becomes a vampire. What's the message here?? Maintain our human-excellence, if the one we love becomes a victim of a savage or a vampire. Our human-excellence allows us or gives us the ability to destroy the vampire. What must be done to destroy the vampire!! The movies show that a bullet must be shot in the heart of the vampire. It must be a "silver" bullet. Why silver?? Because silver represents purity -- the heart must be "pure." We watch as the vampire dies, and slowly returns to human form before our eyes. This is what happens to civilized people, civilized justice system. The United States Criminal Justice System is uncivilized!! I would label it as a "modern" vampire. All it wants is "blood." It never gets enough "blood". All it wants is "blood". It hides in the bright light of the sun, but it comes out at night..(The freaks come out a night). Why does the criminal justice kill at night instead of the day? Because it's a vampire. Only the pure in heart can turn this around. It doesn't matter what the religious or racial label is. Being pure in heart is the only condition that will one the silver bullet. Only "you" can make A medical and the world better. A pure heart will give one a pure mind. A pure mind makes it better for all, for those on bottom and those on the top. Do not allow the injustice of the world to make or turn you into a vampire. You have a choice. We should ask what drugs were given to Troy Anthony Davis.

Is it one of three drugs that have been approved for "lethal injection" in America. Sodium thiopental can't be used because one company, "Hospira, Inc." makes the drug. They are in Italy and they have run out. They do have a company in Italy, but Italy has outlawed the death penalty, and will not allow the drug to be shipped to Italy. The company it self is against the drug being used for lethal injections, and they have written about it. Look them up on the Internet and see for yourself.

This is what they say about Sodium thiopental: "Hospira manufacturers sodium thiopental because it improves or saves lives, and the company marked it "solely for use as indicated. The drug is not indicated on the product labeling. The drug is not indicated for capital punishment, and Hospira does not support its use in this procedure. On January 21, 2011, it is stopped production of sodium thiopental, because it couldn't guarantee that it would be used for executions. Leave it to Texas!!! The State that knows lethal injection!!!

Bishop Eddie Long's Wife Files For Divorce

Nationwide -- The wife of Bishop Eddie Long, the Georgia megachurch pastor once accused of coercing four young men into having sex, has told her lawyers to file for divorce, according to a statement issued Friday.

In the statement, Vanessa Long said she had decided to "terminate my marriage" after "a great deal of deliberation and prayer."

"It is my sincere hope that this matter can be resolved expeditiously, harmoniously, and fairly," she said in the statement. "I ask that you respect my privacy and that of my family, as my attorneys and I have agreed that we will not try this case in the media, and I do not intend to make any further statements concerning this matter," she added. "I also ask that the public pray for my entire family during this difficult period of transition."

In May this year, Bishop Long settled lawsuits filed by the four men who once attended the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, in suburban Atlanta.

Days later the congregation cheered Long as he took the pulpit, while the choir opened the service with the hymn "Moving Forward," which began: "I'm not going back, I'm moving ahead. Here to declare to you my past is over."

tion!!! This would be a great time for Texas to do drug research, and see what drug the FDA will approve or recommend for "humane" lethal injections for humans. As the old story goes, "Live as a dog and then die like a dog."

Texas has its Brother Troy Anthony Davis!! In essence, the criminal justice system without justice is just a criminal system. In Brother Davis' case, this was an alleged crime to which no physical evidence linked to his shooting, in which seven of nine witnesses who named him as the alleged killer -- have since recanted their testimony, saying in sworn affidavits that they were coerced or pressure into implicating Davis, and for which no murder weapon has been produced. To those seven unreliable wishbone -- not strong backed witnesses, shame on you, Georgia, and those who supported this lethal injection.

Rest in Peace, Brother Troy Anthony Davis!!!

Your Brother
Maurice Williams



Bishop Eddie Long & Wife

Opposition to gay marriage

Long gained a reputation as a spiritual leader after turning his 150-member congregation into a following of 25,000 people and a televangelist empire, partly based on the idea that God would give wealth to the faithful.

He has been a vocal opponent of gay marriage.

The allegations by the men were not investigated criminally because Georgia's age of consent is 16. The young men were 17 and 18 when the alleged sexual contact occurred.

After the out-of-court settlement, Jessica Gabel, a Georgia State University law professor who specializes in trial strategy, told The Associated Press, "Nobody wants their dirty laundry aired in court."



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Zairreus DeShann Patterson Promoted With TTI

Zairreus DeShann Patterson, a 1998 graduate of Estacado High School, receives a promotion within the TTI, Inc. organization.

Bill Haynes, General Manager for TTI, Inc. states, "I am pleased to announce the promotion of Zairreus Patterson to the Field Manager position in the Orange County Branch Office effective January 3, 2012."

Zairreus Patterson is a 2002 graduate of the College of Engineering at Texas A & M University, with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Distribution. Immediately following his graduation he became a valuable member of the newly formed TTI Plus Division in Ft Worth, Texas where he was a "very effective addition to the Texas team and excelled from the onset" and in 2003 he was transplanted into the Orange County Branch where he has been a vital part in the growth of that organization. TTI, Inc looks to experience even more growth and production with the leadership of Zairreus Patterson.



Zairreus DeShann Patterson
Former Lubbockite

Haynes concludes his announcement with: "Please join me in congratulating Zairreus in this new endeavor. We are looking forward to the positive impact he will have on our branch in 2012 and beyond!"

Congratulations to Zairreus DeShann Patterson!



32nd Local Women's Annual Program Is A Success!

Pictured above are some of the ladies who were in attendance of the 32nd Local Women's Annual at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, where the host pastor is Supt. W. David Haynes.

Guest speaker was Evangelist Christy Henry of Nashville, Tennessee. She spoke on the theme "Holy Women Using Holy Strategies to Win The

Lord." St. John 4:28-29.

First Mother Myrta Haynes served as conductor. She said, "We had a lovely time in the Lord, and eleven lovely ladies were given to the ladies."

All ladies in attendance were most appreciative of this 32nd Annual program.

What a time all ladies had in the Lord!

Coach Kevin Sumlin Hired By Texas A&M



HOUSTON—Texas A&M has hired Houston's Kevin Sumlin as its new coach.

A&M athletic director Bill Byrne announced the decision Saturday. He says he believes Sumlin "is the right person to lead our football program into the Southeastern Conference."

Sumlin was officially introduced at a press conference in College Station on Monday.

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Heisman Trophy goes to Robert Griffin III of Baylor

NEW YORK - New Orleans native Tyrann Mathieu, the LSU sophomore cornerback whose cult hero status and game-changing playmaking ability propelled him into the Heisman Trophy race, fell short of winning the award Saturday night. The Heisman Trophy Trust of New York City presented the 75th Heisman Trophy to Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III.

Griffin received 1,687 points, including 405 first-place votes, in becoming the first Baylor athlete to win the award.

Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck was the runner-up for the award for the second consecutive year, with 1,047 points, 247 first-place votes.

Alabama's Trent Richardson, who will face Mathieu and LSU in the BCS championship game on Jan. 9 in New Orleans, has rushed for 1,583 yards and 20 touchdowns. He finished third in voting (327, 34).

Wisconsin's Montee Ball, a junior, leads the nation with 1,759 rushing yards and 32 rushing touchdowns. He finished fourth (978, 138).

Mathieu, who was seeking to become the first defensive player to win the award since Michigan cornerback Charles Woodson in 1997, and the fourth overall player to win the award whose primary duties weren't on offense, finished fifth (327 overall, 34 first-place votes).

Mathieu leads LSU with 70 tackles and also has six forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries, two interceptions and four touchdowns (two on punt returns and two on fumble returns).

Griffin, a junior who's ex-



Quarterback Robert Griffin III became the first Baylor athlete to win the Heisman Trophy

pected to make himself eligible for the upcoming NFL Draft, completed has passed for 3,998 yards and 36 touchdowns, run for another nine scores and leads the nation in passer rating (192.3).

Mathieu is the fifth Heisman finalist from New Orleans, joining Hank Lauricella (runner-up in 1951), Marshall Faulk (runner-up in '92, fourth in '93), and Peyton ('97 runner-up) and Eli Manning (third in '03).

He's the fourth finalist from LSU, joining Billy Cannon (winner in 1959), Jerry Stovall (runner-up in 1962) and Charles Scott (ninth in 1977).

Griffin had better statistics than Luck and is the more spec-

tacular player. Griffin's rating of

192.31 set an NCAA passing efficiency record. He completed 72% of his passes for 3,998 yards and 36 touchdowns, with only six interceptions. Griffin also rushed for 644 yards.

He also enjoyed a stand-alone moment last weekend against Texas after Luck completed his season a week before against Notre Dame.

Griffin closed with 320 yards passing and four total touchdowns in a 48-24 win.

"I think he's done enough this season to win a Heisman," Baylor Coach Art Briles said after the game.

Luck finished second in Heisman balloting last year behind Auburn's Cam Newton and entered this season as the front-runner. It was difficult for Luck to live up to the lofty expectations, but he came close. Luck passed for 3,170 yards and 35 touchdowns, with 153 yards rushing. Last year, Luck had 32 touchdown passes and ran for 453 yards.

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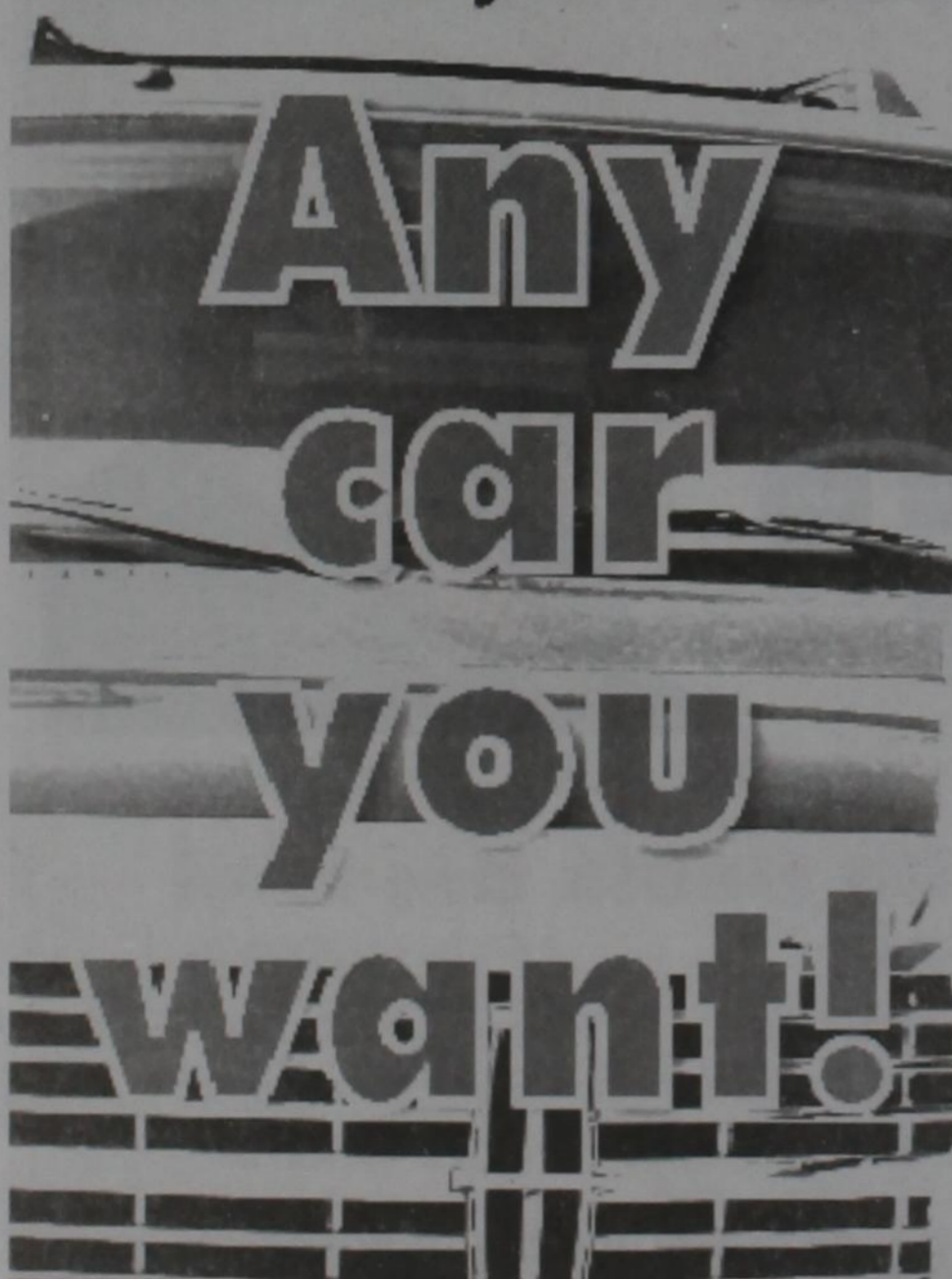
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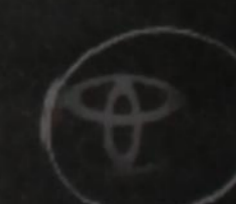
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Parson Smith:**Is Racism Still Alive in America in 2011?**

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They are scared to death, actually."

Not to be upstaged, the inflexible Mrs. Palin, vice-presidential candidate of the Republican Party during the late presidential election—and an avid hunter—told her Tea Party supporters at a recent event in Nevada, "Don't retreat, reload."

To these dangerous words-rebellion, machine gun, scared to death, reload—one adds the recent attack on Democratic legislators during the discussion of the health care bill in which they were spat on and threatened with racial and homophobic insults one has the makings of a racially charged—and extremely dangerous—atmosphere in the country.

Although there are other causal factors as well—political, social, economic—there can be no doubt that racism plays an important role.

The country is now facing an increase of 244 percent increase in the number of Patriot groups (militias and other organizations that see the federal government as their enemy) in 2009. At the same time, there has also been an increase in the number of anti-immigration groups

throughout the country. These groups grew from 173 in 2008 to 309 in 2009, a rise of nearly 80 percent.

Are we facing a setback after so much work done in the last decades to overcome division and hatred in America? Ask Mr. Doudou Diene, a former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, stated after visiting several states in the U. C., "Racism and racial discrimination have profoundly and lastingly marked and structured American society. The U. S. has made decisive progress. However, the historical, cultural and human depth of racism still permeates all dimensions of life and American society."

To add credence to Mr. Chelala story one has only to look at this present hour across America to see how racist White People across America are rigging the voter registration process so blacks and Hispanics will not be able to vote and they can control the lives and destiny of people who do not look like them. Do these evil creatures think their stuff does not stink?

New Light Baptist Church News

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There was the invitation to discipleship which was acknowledged and several went up for prayer.

Pray that upon this holiday season all will not look at what is to be given but that we are celebrating the birth of Jesus. Pray that God will continue to wrap us up in his loving arms daily.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: But it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love him." **1 Corinthians 2:9**

New Light's Annual Musical will take place on Sunday afternoon, December 18, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the church, 3013 Idalou Road.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! From Southwest Digest!

Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization "Working Together"

Opportunity to Comment on the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's Amendment No. 1 FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program

Residents of the Cities of Lubbock and Wolfforth and Lubbock County citizens living within the Metropolitan Area Boundary of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are encouraged to review and comment on the MPO Amendment to the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program revision. Written comments will be received until 4:00 p.m., Monday, January 16, 2012.

Public Forums will be held as follows:

January 10, 2012
Wayland Baptist University
801 N. Quaker Ave.
Lubbock, Texas
4:30 – 6:00 PM

January 17, 2012
Room 103 Lubbock City Hall
1625 13th Street
Lubbock, Texas
8:30AM

Draft of the FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program – Included Projects:

Include Prop 12 V2 Funding into MPO Project MPO-002R.

Locations of Draft Revisions:

Lubbock MPO Office Lubbock City Hall Lubbock County Courthouse
Wolfforth City Hall
916 Main, Suite 706 Public Information Office Main St. and Texas
Avenue 328 East Hwy US 62/82
Lubbock, Texas 79401 1625 13th Street Commissioner's Office
Wolfforth, Texas 79382
Lubbock, Texas 79457 Lubbock, Texas 79408

The Revisions may also be viewed on the Lubbock MPO's website www.lubbockmpo.org. Comments may be sent to Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization, 916 Main St., Suite 445, Lubbock, Texas 79401 or via email to tbDavis@mylubbock.us or djones@mylubbock.us.

This public notice of "public involvement activities" and time established for public review and comment on the MTP and TIP will satisfy the program-of-projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) of the Federal Transit Administration.

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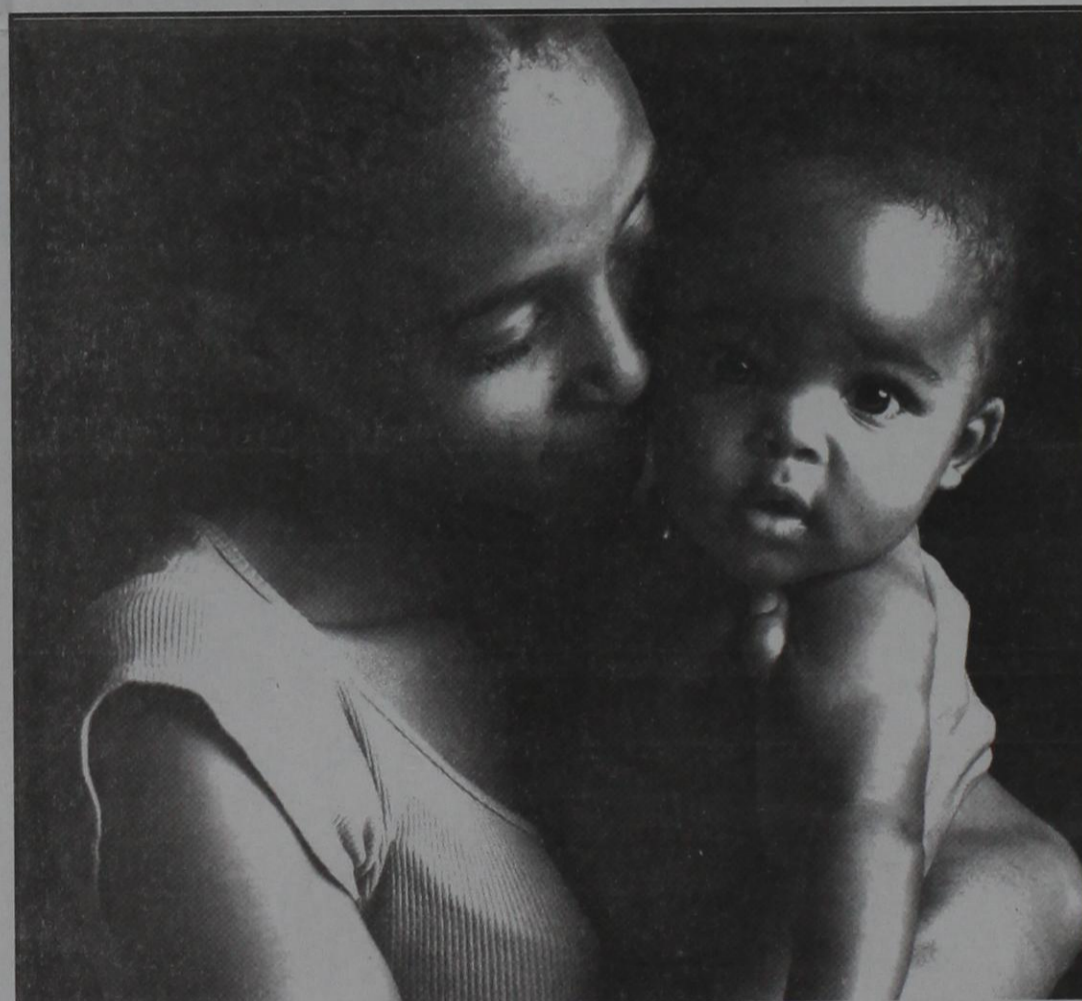
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